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To: Senate Bill No. 1056 File No. 14 Cal. No. 66

"AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATORY FACT-FINDING CONFERENCES."

- 1 In line 1, before "Section" insert "Section 1."
- 2 After line 122, insert the following and renumber the remaining
- 3 section accordingly:
- 4 "Sec. 2. Section 46a-86 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 5 following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 6 (a) If, upon all the evidence presented at the hearing conducted
- 7 pursuant to section 46a-84, the presiding officer finds that a
- 8 respondent has engaged in any discriminatory practice, the presiding
- 9 officer shall state [his] such presiding officer's findings of fact and shall
- 10 issue and file with the commission and cause to be served on the
- 11 respondent an order requiring the respondent to cease and desist from

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the discriminatory practice and further requiring the respondent to take such affirmative action as in the judgment of the presiding officer will effectuate the purpose of this chapter.

(b) In addition to any other action taken hereunder, upon a finding of a discriminatory employment practice, the presiding officer may order (1) the hiring or reinstatement of employees, with or without back pay, or (2) restoration to membership in any respondent labor organization, [provided, liability] and (3) compensatory damages in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars in cases where the respondent has not less than three nor more than fifteen employees, thirty-five thousand dollars in cases where the respondent has not less than sixteen nor more than one hundred employees and sixty thousand dollars in cases where the respondent has more than one hundred employees, and reasonable attorney's fees and costs. Liability for back pay shall not accrue from a date more than two years prior to the filing or issuance of the complaint and, provided further, interim earnings, including unemployment compensation and welfare assistance or amounts which could have been earned with reasonable diligence on the part of the person to whom back pay is awarded shall be deducted from the amount of back pay to which such person is otherwise entitled. The amount of any such deduction for interim unemployment compensation or welfare assistance shall be paid by the respondent to the commission which shall transfer such amount to the appropriate state or local agency.

(c) In addition to any other action taken hereunder, upon a finding of a discriminatory practice prohibited by section 46a-58, 46a-59, 46a-64, 46a-64c, 46a-81b, 46a-81d or 46a-81e, the presiding officer shall determine the damage suffered by the complainant, which damage shall include, but not be limited to, the expense incurred by the complainant for obtaining alternate housing or space, storage of goods and effects, moving costs and other costs actually incurred by [him] the complainant as a result of such discriminatory practice and shall allow reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

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(d) In addition to any other action taken hereunder, upon a finding of a discriminatory practice prohibited by section 46a-66 or 46a-81f, the presiding officer shall issue and file with the commission and cause to be served on the respondent an order requiring the respondent to pay the complainant the damages resulting from the discriminatory practice.

(e) If, upon all the evidence and after a complete hearing, the presiding officer finds that the respondent has not engaged in any alleged discriminatory practice, the presiding officer shall state [his] such presiding officer's findings of fact and shall issue and file with the commission and cause to be served on the respondent an order dismissing the complaint."

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